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accident George was on a bike again. Although the ride lasted only five minutes, it exhausted George, but left him with a feeling of gratitude. Four years later amongst the other two thousand cyclists, George GooddeCurnou, mounted his bike. He pedaled for 29 miles, leaving him with a mixed feeling of pride and sadness.

George has already set a goal of 50 miles next year for the race in Santa Fe, and will continue to push himself to the limits. His fighting spirit and courage against adversity is an inspiration to all, and that Mr. Speaker, is why I believe Congress should honor George. I wish him the best of luck in life, and I will be rooting for him to accomplish next year's goal of 50 miles in Santa Fe.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN H. SMITH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Helen H. Smith of Marion, South Carolina, who is retiring after a long and distinguished career in public service. I join the citizens of Marion County in expressing our deepest gratitude for her outstanding service.

Helen Smith was raised in Marion, South Carolina. After graduating from Mullins High School, she attended Columbia College. She and her husband, Mr. Rupert W. Smith, Jr., are the proud parents of Rupert W. (Smitty) Smith, III. Mrs. Smith has worked for Marion County for twenty-one years, retiring as the Director of the Marion County Voter Registration and Election Commission. She distinguished herself by graduating from the Institute of Government for County Officials, and became a key figure in the South Carolina Association of Registration and Election Officials, commonly known as SCARE. Mrs. Smith has served SCARE as Director of the Sixth District, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President. She also served as the historian of SCARE, and wrote the first history of this Association.

Mrs. Smith has received much recognition for her contributions to the Marion County community. She was honored with three outstanding service awards from the SCARE Association, was the recipient of the Betty Moore Award, and was presented with two awards from the South Carolina House of Representatives in recognition of her contributions to the election process.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Helen H. Smith for her many years of service to her community and for her significant contributions to the South Carolina election process. I wish her the happiest days in a well-deserved retirement.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REGARDING THE ANNIVERSARY
OF CHERRY v. MATHEWS

HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, July 19 is the 25th anniversary of U.S. District Court's landmark decision in the infamous case known as Cherry vs. Mathews. This historic ruling has paved the way and established equal and just civil rights for America's disabled citizens. 25 years ago, disabled Americans did not have access to many federal buildings, schools, public transportation, and voting booths.

An undue burden was placed upon citizens with disabilities, and they were not treated with the respect, courtesy, and equal opportunity that all Americans should be afforded.

Dr. James L. Cherry, a Georgian, led the fight to insure that disabled-citizen rights were acknowledged and protected. Dr. Cherry's suit against the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare brought about not only changes through the courts; it renewed and confirmed our Nation's belief that equal opportunity is an unalienable right for all.

I would like to thank Dr. Cherry for his courage, commitment, and foresight. As we observe the 25th anniversary of Cherry vs. Mathews, we are all reminded that our great nation was built upon a foundation of principles and equality and that has been sustained by the ideals of opportunity and justice.

A TRIBUTE TO GERALD JOSEPH
RENUART, A MAN THAT HAS
GIVEN SO MUCH TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Gerald J. Renuart for his tremendous contributions during his lifetime.

Born in Coral Gables, Florida, Jerry received a business degree from the University of Miami and a masters degree from Nova University.

Jerry, a retired Naval officer, held the positions of Town Clerk and Manager in Surfside, Florida for nine years. He then became City Administrator for Lighthouse Point, Florida, a position he successfully held for 23 years. Jerry was past president of the American Society of Public Administrators and Municipal Finance Officers of America, and received a special award from Jimmy Carter for outstanding service to the community and nation. In addition to his outstanding community service, Jerry spent 25 years in the Boy Scouts of America as Scoutmaster for state and national Jamborees, round table commissioner, and district chairman. He was honored with the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest honor, earlier this year for his dedication to scouting.

Jerry's accomplishments did not end there. He was also a devoted husband of 40 years to the former Maureen Geller and devoted father to his children.

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Mr. Speaker, Gerald Renuart devoted his life to serving his community and nation. He will always be remembered for his service to the community and should be looked at as a role model to our society. As such, Jerry and his family are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. On Friday, July 20, Jerry will be recognized for his lifelong contributions with his interment at Arlington National Cemetery. I hope all of my colleagues will join me in remembering and honoring the life of this remarkable man.

HONORING ELMER JOHNSON FOR
HIS WORK WITH COLORADO
LEADERSHIP

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to honor and remember Elmer A. Johnson, who gave of himself throughout his life to serve his country and the citizens of Colorado. Elmer, a true patriot, was a man blessed with outstanding business and leadership skills. His presence will surely be missed.

Elmer was a devoted husband and father who was married to his wife, Philomena Mancini, for fifty years until she passed away. He gave his wife, his son, Robert, and his two granddaughters much to be proud of.

In 1941, his patriotism drove him to enlist in the Army Air Forces, where he rose in rank to serve as master sergeant in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II. It was following the war that he began running his father-in-law's printing business and editing a weekly newspaper.

Then, in 1958, he was elected for the first of three times to the Colorado State House. He earned a distinguished reputation with those who knew and worked with him there, including former state Rep. Wayne Knox whom The Denver Post quotes as saying, "He was a very well-respected, reasonable, moderate legislator," and "a nice guy, a very good guy." Elmer had the honor of chairing the House Finance Committee and served on the Joint Budget Committee as well as on the Legislative Council.

His drive to serve others didn't stop there, however. In 1963, he began working as Manager of Revenue and Director of Budget and Management for the City of Denver. He also served on the Executive Board of the Colorado Municipal League and became president in 1970. Incredibly, he also found time to serve as a board member of the Regional Transportation District, and as a member of the Sons of Norway. In addition, his leadership stretched to serving for a term as the International President of the Municipal Finance Officers of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Speaker, Elmer Johnson was a distinguished veteran, a devoted father and husband, and a selfless leader. Today, I would like to pay him tribute on behalf of Congress for his lifelong dedication and honest leadership to the people of the United States.